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NO. 1

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE W. P. I. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, 1918-1919

The athletic activities of the year 1918-1919 were, of course, more or less interrupted. The football season was very short but very inexpensive. The basketball season, the best in our history, was the most encouraging athletic season Tech has seen in many years, and the baseball season was a marked success compared with many previous years. Track had to suffer the most, as it was decided by the Athletic Council that track would have to be curtailed to keep the Association out of debt.

Receipts for the year were as follows:

ous year	\$182 12
Army and Navy	18 57
Blanket tax	1,775 90

\$1,976 59

Expenditures:

To TECH NEWS	\$178 00
Track account	151 02
Baseball "	302 02
Football "	154 60
Baseball "	998 71
General "	35 86

\$1,820 21

The year's balance \$ 156 38

This statement shows a balance to go forward of less than the balance brought forward from last year. It shows that about 50% of the student body supported athletics by means of the blanket tax. The football expenses are not indicative of the cost to the Association of a normal year.

If we are to go forward and not backward in intercollegiate athletics, we must back our teams with money and men. An enthusiastic, cheering section will help to win home games, but if we do not put up the money to equip the teams we can not have the games. An hundred per cent. subscription may not be possible, but every single man who can possibly do it, should subscribe.

Signed ARTHUR J. KNIGHT,
Faculty Treasurer.

SCPTICAL CHYMISTS

The Sceptical Chymists will hold their first meeting for this year tonight, September 24, at 7:30, in the Rathskeller, Boynton Hall. All Chymists, especially Sophomores, are invited. The society plans to have a big year and many interesting speakers and papers will be heard.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries will be received this week for the annual singles tournament. The entrance fee will be twenty-five cents and entrants are requested to deposit their name together with the money in the TECH NEWS box, Boynton Hall. Entries will close Saturday, Sept. 27, at noon. If the size of the entry warrants it a suitable trophy will be offered.

No tournament was held here last year because of the S. A. T. C. so that the school is without a singles champion. Vinal who held the title in 1916 and 1917 having graduated. This year's event should produce a hard fight with a large field from which to pick a winner.

Freshmen are especially urged to come out so that we may get a line on the new material for next season's team. Don't forget that modesty loses its virtue when it degenerates into cold feet.

LARGE REGISTRATION FOR NEW YEAR AT W. P. I.

According to information thus far available, the Institute has opened this fall with a larger registration than it has known for years. A large entering class, few withdrawals of upper classmen, and the return of scores of undergraduates who have been in service, all combine to give the new academic year a most auspicious start. The enrollment for this, the first year of the return to peace-time conditions, is considerably larger than during the period of the war, even, when the stimulus of free education under the S. A. T. C. produced such a marked increase. Preliminary lists give the registration as follows:

Graduate students	6
Seniors	77
Juniors	100
Sophomores	145
Freshmen	177
Unclassified	36

Total 541

No figures are at hand as yet as to the number of returned ex-service men enrolled, but this will appear shortly.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 4—Wesleyan at Middletown, Conn.
Oct. 11—Rensselaer at Worcester
Oct. 18—Mass. Aggies at Amherst
Oct. 25—Trinity at Worcester
Nov. 1—Amherst at Amherst
Nov. 8—N. H. State at Worcester
Nov. 15—R. I. State at Worcester
Nov. 22—Stevens at Hoboken, N. J.

EXCEPTIONAL FOOTBALL SEASON JUST READY TO PUSH TECH AHEAD

Tech Will Put Worried Looks in Rival Camps

BIG SQUAD STARTS STIFF WORK-OUT

ROPE-PULL ON

One of the biggest events of the fall term is the annual Freshman-Sophomore rope-pull which takes place across Institute pond. Last year, on account of the S. A. T. C., this did not occur in the fall but in the spring, during Prom week, and the Freshmen, contrary to expectations, succeeded in pulling their rivals across in the short time of eight minutes. Confidence on their part contributed a great deal to the defeat of the Sophomores.

This year, with one of the largest entering classes in the history of the Institute, ought to see a hotly contested match. You Freshmen have already had one encounter with the Sophs, although a rather one-sided one. Here is your chance to put something over.

No date for the event has been set, as this always comes at the instigation of the Junior class and they have not yet held a meeting. However, sometime in the middle of October will probably see the two teams lined up on opposite banks, with the rope (and plenty of water) between them.

FACULTY CHANGES

The Tech Faculty has been increased by the following:

Harold J. Gay, Instructor in Mathematics.

John Brown Zinn, Professor of Chemistry.

Carl D. Johnson, Instructor of Physics.

Dr. A. B. Frizell, Instructor in Mathematics.

Charles S. Porter, Instructor in Mathematics.

Gertrude R. Rugg was appointed Registrar and Dr. Benjamin H. Alton was appointed Medical Advisor to the Institute.

PROMOTIONS

H. P. Fairfield promoted to Professor of Machine Construction.

Morton Masius promoted to Professor of Physics.

Samuel J. Plimpton promoted to Asst. Professor of Physics.

Richard C. Joslin promoted to Asst. Professor of Modern Languages.

Tech's football season opened yesterday afternoon when sixty candidates reported to Coach Swasey on Alumni Field. This is by far the largest number of men that have reported for practice so early in the season, and football fans at Tech are looking for big things this year.

Tech is one fortunate place this year. Many of the old varsity letter men are returning from service and once again entering school. Among the returned are: Horner, a speedy end and strong defensive man of the 1916 team, and Sargent and Canfield of the same team. These men already have given a good account of themselves and have been on the "A" squad in starting. Russell, an end, Colesworthy, Needham, Morse, and Fielder in the back field are old field men just returned and will set a pace for new men to fall to that will be some lively.

The coaching staff is very strong and efficient, and only the best will be put over. Fordyce T. Blake, ex-Harvard star guard, coach of the very successful 1916-17 teams, has taken over the line men. Dussoset, a Dartmouth end, is assisting in coaching the ends and ends are expected that will eclipse in speed any ever sent on Alumni Field. Coach Swasey has charge of the back field and has general supervision of the whole outfit.

The "A" squad at present consists of Russell, Horner, Sprague, ends; Manning and Sessions, tackles; Sargent and White, guards; Canfield, center; Morse, quarter; Needham and Fielder, halves; and Colesworthy, full. Men who are hotly contesting these positions and who may step in at any time are Douglass and Hyde, ends; Wulf, Marcus, Callahan, tackles; Colby, Burleigh and Desper, guards; Nelson, center; Kittedge and Arthur, quarter; Stoughton, Mason, Dexter, Pasini and F. K. Brown, halves; Freeland, Farnsworth and Shirley, fulls.

The first scrimmage of the year also came yesterday.

A cut for the NEWS will be made the latter part of this week. The team promises everything—pay that tax and promise them as much and then some.

And come out and yell your head off!

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BOOST TECH

EDITORIAL

For the first time in two years the NEWS is able to extend a hearty welcome to a normal class of freshmen. Last year the advent of the S. A. T. C. threw everything on the Hill so topsy-turvy that little opportunity was to be had to get acquainted with our newcomers and to find out just what their peculiar talents could do to help in all of our activities. This year we can again expect some interesting contests between the ever-belligerent Freshmen and Sophomores. We can again anticipate normal and desirable conditions for our athletic games and other extra-curriculum interests.

The War is over; but if it is not one war it is another, they say. Our two lower classes, stopping all thought of preparing a defeat for the Huns, transfer their animosity to each other and lay plans for attaining superiority on all fields. The two upper classes take their traditional sides in the matter, and thus all the internal strife goes toward the good of the whole school in bringing out and developing the best that is here. The suspension of this normal course of things last year had the effect of stimulating this interest in everybody. For years everything has flowed along smoothly, the same general program each year, occasionally a novel twist of it or a newly-introduced activity but

with things always approximately the same.

Naturally the students might grow rather tired of it and not seem as interested as formerly, for "familiarity breeds contempt." But with a year of this routine dropped completely, with a sterner purpose brought forcibly to us, we begin to realize how good the old regime was, how fine a place Tech is after all. We are glad to get back into the old way of things once more and work with renewed energy in whatever we undertake. The circumstances ought to bring out a larger following than usual for every team, for every literary undertaking, or dramatic. The athletic squads should be bigger, the number of aspirants to dramatic honors larger, more plays written for the Tech Show contest next spring, and—need we blush as we say it?—a greater staff of reporters for the NEWS. An increase of our average qualities ought to be noticeable and we heartily hope that it will be!

A necessary accompaniment to last year's upheaval was the mixture of the classes. The only class in school at present which contains a pure contingent which is not a combination of two classes is our Freshman class. Large numbers of the other classes have been obliged to drop back a year, or even two, because of being in the service. It is a great time, therefore, for philosophy. Each man finds it necessary to adapt himself to his surroundings. It is quite obviously difficult for a man who has played hard on a 1920 football team, with 1921's downfall as his goal, to play just as hard for 1921 against his old class. But when he stops to consider that many of his former classmates have dropped back with him, that he is working for these as well as his old-time rivals, the former zest returns. This would make it seem that the Freshmen will be the only class with real class spirit this year, which would be quite too bad. The best of us must settle our minds to the idea that we belong in the class into which the War has dropped us, and that we should work for that class as hard and faithfully as if we had always been in it.

It is only thus that real class spirit will prevail, and our class spirit directly reflects our school spirit. Loyalty to the school almost always follows loyalty to class, so that both reach a great importance. If we will all work in this spirit, we can bring it about that the War shall seem a regenerative agent, a jewel in the toad's head, and prove that our old friend William was right when he said: "Sweet are the uses of adversity."

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Junior Class	54.2%
A-M. E.	66.7
C-C. E.	72.7
E-Ch.	54.5
F-E. E.	37.0
G-E. E.	40.0

The Junior class has not had ample opportunity to sign up yet.

Sophomore Class	54.9%
A-M. E.	61.9
B-M. E.	52.5
C-M. E.	45.0
D-C. E.	88.0
E-Ch.	20.0
F-E. E.	66.7
G-E. E.	50.0
Freshman Class	77.7%
A	90.4
B	91.0
C	66.6
D	80.8
E	69.5
F	79.2
G	70.5
H	72.2
Unclassified	50.0
Total	59.3%

The season tickets are available at the office now. As it is necessary to have money on hand to finance the football season it is highly desirable that the pledges be paid immediately.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Professor Percy R. Carpenter was granted one year's leave of absence.

Samuel J. Plimpton was granted one year's leave of absence for work which he is doing in London, England.

All Freshmen who are interested in the business side of the NEWS meet R. R. Jenness in Boynton 19 at 5 o'clock Thursday, Sept. 25.

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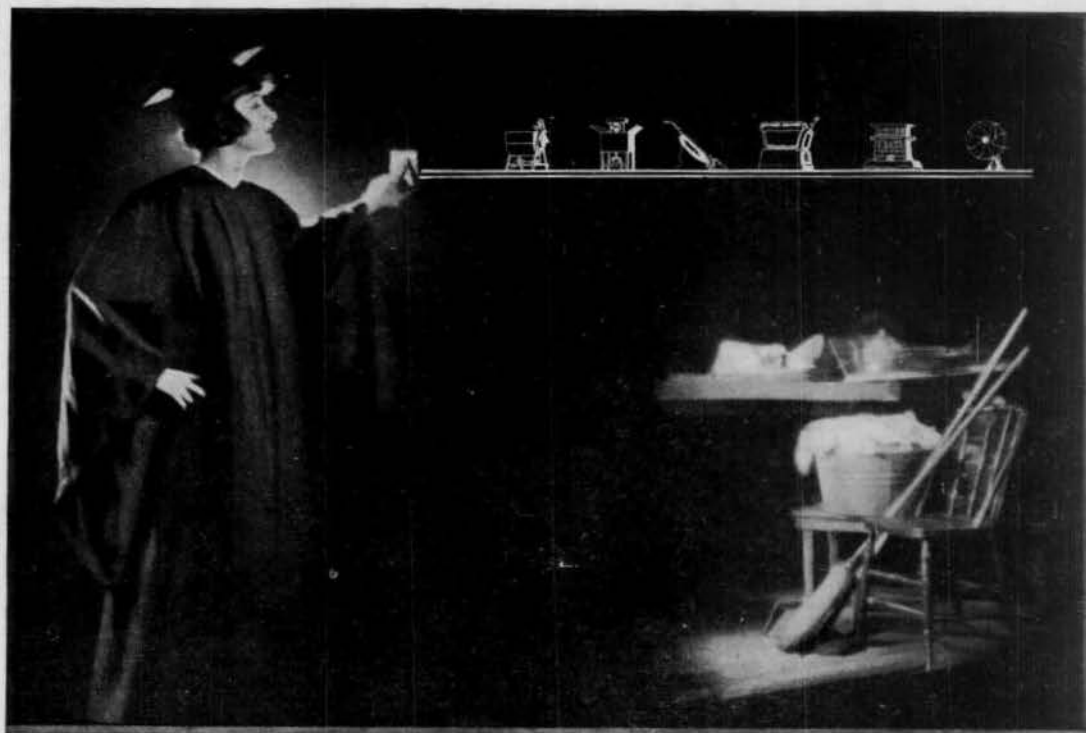
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RECEPTION AND BIG EATS AT Y

Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. the Y. M. C. A. gave a big reception in the gym to the members of the Faculty, upper classmen and Freshmen. There were four hundred and fifty men present.

Prof. Coombs, chairman of the reception committee, expressed the regrets of Pres. Hollis of the Institute and of the Hon. Charles G. Washburn, chairman of the board of trustees, for their inability to be present. He then introduced Prof. Butterfield, (recently returned from France as Lt. Col.) with a few remarks concerning his efforts in securing the gym and the athletic field for Tech.

Owing to his recent return from France Prof. Butterfield appeared in his uniform, for which he offered his apology. He spoke briefly of his stay in France and commented on the good work of the Y. M. C. A. and other relief organizations. He also spoke of Prof. Carpenter, of the Physical Education department, who is doing such splendid work in introducing athletics and sports among the French people. Prof. Butterfield then closed his talk by reciting a very effective poem entitled "America for Me!"

Aldus C. Higgins, '93, President of the Alumni Association, brought greetings from the association. He mentioned his long connection with the Institute, due to the fact that his father, Milton P. Higgins, was once superintendent of the Washburn shops. He told the Freshmen that they would get out of the work of the Institute exactly what they put into it, and closed by mentioning the excellent work of the Tech service men.

Prof. Coombs then spoke on the work of the "Y" and called on the secretary, W. B. Anthony, who brought the greetings of the Association to the Freshmen.

Mr. Swasey, acting physical director, then spoke on athletics. He urged the students to support the various teams, and he hoped the men would keep their pledges to pay their blanket tax as the money is needed very much in order to carry on the work of the season.

Prof. Coombs then asked the following men to say a few words about their respective activities, as follows: Francis Kittredge, '21, football; Coach W. A. Peck, track; Thayer, '20, rifle team; Amsden, '20, tennis; Frederick W. Barder, '20, music, and Paul J. Harriman, '20, TECH NEWS.

They asked for the support of their organizations.

Throughout the meeting cheer leaders Millard and Drake led the students in Tech cheers and songs. This put spirit into the reception.

Coat markers made it an easy thing for everybody to get acquainted with each other. The Faculty had white markers, the upper classmen pink, and the Freshmen—well, it is unnecessary to print their color.

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